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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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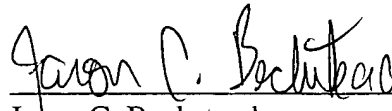
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit the following explanations:

WO 97/28001 has an English language abstract, which constitutes a concise statement of relevance.

Also, a complete English translation of DE 199 17 299 A1 is being submitted herewith, and therefore no concise explanation for this foreign language document is required.

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